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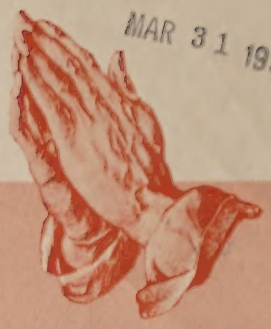

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
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THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, D. D.
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

THE REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG, D. D.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BOX 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 28, 1955

Re: Ketchikan, Presbyterian & Comity etc.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
Department of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Earl:

From the enclosed correspondence you will see that conversations have developed in Ketchikan and between Fred McGinnis and myself on church location, etc.

Fred and I have talked a number of times about the history of the comity agreement and where it is now and headed for in the future. I note that the necessity of a conferance in Alaska has been brought to the Home Missions Council. This is good. We hope that it will be in the fall of this year!

Occasionally there are rehearsals of misunderstandings between the denominations from past years. There must be some way of clearing the deck on these items. There must be some point where we can say that was the issue, but from here we move on. Every Alaskan missionary in all of our denominations has a right to be given a straight statement as to how the plan of comity works, how we use the Home Mission Council as a referee, how denominational plans will be cleared to avoid future misunderstandings, and the proceedure for church location within towns opened for more than one member of the Council.

Ketchikan is a case in point, where the Methodist have a downtown organization an in North End a Church School. By the very nature of our building we know we must move. This poises a question for the Methodist. If they continue to hold the North End Chapel it could appear as competion to that work, where on the other hand hte Presbyterian Church whuld be there to serve Presbyterians from the entire Ketchikan area. The problem is one of church location plus the fact that we too have to serve the entire area.

I am sharing this letter with Fred because we have tried to face these things on the field in our conversations. Continue to press for this conferance.

Most sincerely

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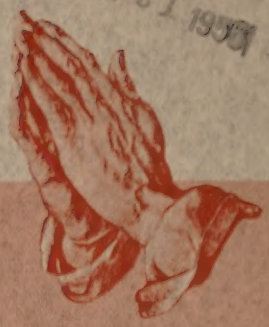

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March 28, 1955

Rev. Paul Moser
Presbyterian Church
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

You have asked me for comments on Rev. Fred McGinnis' letter following the March 14th meeting at the Methodist Church in Ketchikan.

Apparently the entire issue boils down to one of the comity within Alaska and particularly in Ketchikan. This has been discussed at several times with Mr. McGinnis, but I do not believe that we have yet come to the place of airing all of the background on the matter.

In Ketchikan we have as much right within the city as the Methodist. We agree that comity exists in that we are bound to work as two Protestant organizations advancing the Kingdom. There is no policy in Alaskan comity that is set up to regulate the location of a church within a town once clearance is given for the other denomination to come in. Both organizations have gone about the development of their strategy in church building in other areas without referance to comity in location. Comity has been based on the Protestant sphere of influence in an area. We are not to enter one anothers ~~fields~~ town without referance to the Home Missions Council.

Mr. McGinnis is aware of the difficulty in trying to arrive at comity in church location in Ketchikan. There is no more difficult town to survey. There are no distinct population centers as in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

We are not urging the Methodist Church to give up anything that they have in Ketchikan. It will be harder to reconcile giving it up from an organizational point of view than from the local level. A move for our church within Ketchikan will involve both Methodist Churches. The matter of comity could be raised at either point. I am sure that Mr. McGinnis is aware that we would be considerate of their work and would be untiring in trying to continue to present a united Protestant picture to Ketchikan.

You are right in saying that we are committed to move. It must be to an area easily accessable to all population centers of Ketchikan. If and when we have chosen a site it can be reviewed on the basis of the best for all concerned.

Most sincerely yours

cc: Rev. F. McGinnis
Dr. J. E. Jackman

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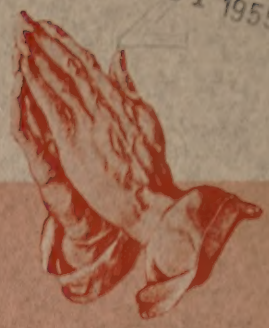

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THE REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG, D. D.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BOX 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 28, 1955

Rev. Fred McGinnis
1321 L Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter to Rev. Paul Moser of Ketchikan that you wrote as a result of the March 14th meeting at the First Methodist Church.

You have recorded here some information that might be taken the wrong way if it is left on the record without some clarification.

If Mr. Moser's statements on our contemplated move in Ketchikan was taken in the context of our present building, location, etc. it would not sound so hard or demanding. I believe Mr. Moser is merely saying that we are faced with the fact that a move is thrust upon us, we have surveyed the Ketchikan area and someplace in the northend seems to be the only place that will fit our needs for future development.

The second factor involved is the interpretation of comity. We have assumed that comity was arrived at to regulate geographic areas of Alaska. When population pressure exerted itself to the extent that one church could no longer adquately serve a community, the situation was reviewed and another Home Mission Council church added to the town. Never has there been any definition of comity beyond that point to my knowledge. In Ketchikan there was an understanding within comity for the Methodist to serve one population area and the Presbyterian another group. That plan was revised. Comity exists in the fact that we are to serve jointly the Ketchikan area without referance to race.

As I have written Mr. Moser in the enclosed letter, we will want to continue to study the location of the new location if there is any word from your group it will be considered along with all other factors.

This all points up to the fact that we have discussed many times - a complete review of what comity was, where it is now and where we must go in the future. This is long overdue.

Most sincerely yours

cc: Rev. Paul Moser
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

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Ketchikan Ch. file

April 26, 1956

The Rev. Alfred H. Davies
55 Magnolia Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Al:

While in Ketchikan, Paul Moser and I conferred about the good news of the funds available from your church toward provision of a manse for the Moser family in the Ketchikan Church. Paul and Jane were very willing to use the funds available and seek a house or apartment in the town in order to release the rooms upstairs for the further development of the program of the church. However, we all agreed that if it were possible to do something more permanent with the money that should be the thing we should hope to do. They were willing to wait until the fall to move if a permanent house could be secured.

Upon my return I talked with Dr. Sharp about the possibility of securing funds from the Priority Giving of 1955 in order to purchase a permanent manse for the church. A statement concerning the situation in Ketchikan and the provision of a manse as the first step in the further development of the property has been prepared and is being presented to the Committee which makes the recommendation for the allocation of Priority Funds. We are hopeful that we may get favorable action on this.

The Committee on priorities has had one meeting and made some allocations from that fund. We are not sure that another meeting will be held in time for an action by the Board at the April meeting but certainly another one will be held for action before the June meeting. We will keep you informed on developments.

The Ketchikan Church is moving forward with great encouragement. There are ninty people in the Sunday school and they have stopped running their church bus because there is no place to put the children even if they did get more of them to come. The attendance at the church services is averaging 75 and more people are coming from the north end. At the annual meeting in January they elected some stronger people on the Session and Board of Trustees so that there is a very definite increase of strength in the elected leadership. Paul and Jane are working under handicaps but they do feel encouraged with the progress which is coming. In the last two years their membership has gone from 65 to 105. A

new manse now will release the total present building for use, and the development of a first unit in 1957 will give a further boost to the program and membership of the church.

We deeply appreciate your help in this development. Many of the people ask to be remembered to you. They were greatful for your ministry last October and for your help since.

Sincerely yours,

JEJ:dj

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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ALASKA MISSION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Office of Superintendent 711 Ninth Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska

June 21, 1956

To the Alaska Committee
Home Missions Council of
The National Council of Churches
℅ Dr. W. V. Middleton
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York.

Dear Friends:

Inasmuch as the North End area of the Ketchikan Alaska area has apparently been matter of consideration during the past year, I thought I should relay the information concerning recent developments there:

On June 18th the First Church board of Ketchikan voted the property formerly constituted as a church school and from time to time Methodist Church, as a full church status in the North End.

We have had a full program of church school and at times youth activities there in the North End for 17 years and from time to time a preaching program related to full church services.

These services will be fully implemented and the North End Methodist Church will continue to serve in the North End area. We have a parsonage there, a church building there and have maintained a church school there for about 17 years and preaching from time to time.

We feel the Methodist should continue inasmuch as this long record of service is there. When some discussion arose over a year ago the Presbyterian minister and Dr. Armstrong, Superintendent, and Dr. Jackman received the information as to the likelihood of the Methodists continuing in the area. It is my opinion that a Presbyterian church in the area would be divisive and over-lapping in services in this particular area and I would hope that their development might be approved on the basis of its present location or some other location than the North End area.

With every good personal wish,

s/ Fred McGinnis

Fred McGinnis, Supt.

Ketchikan

July 2, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
Mr. MacMillian
c/o Tongass Reality Company
317 Dock Street
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. MacMillian:

The Rev. Paul Moser has sent us the information that he has been in conference with you about the purchase of the property on North Tongass Street across the side street from the Wingren apartment building. We understand that this consists of a 3-bedroom house and lot facing on Tongass with a vacant lot in the rear making a total area of about 65 x 275. We are interested in this as the future site of the Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan. It would be our purpose to use the house as a residence for the minister and build a Sunday school and fellowship hall on the rear lot.

The Board of National Missions has made an appropriation of $15,000 for a site for the church and $15,000 for a manse for the minister. We have an additional $2,000 for the combined project making $32,000 in all. We make this offer to the owner and would ask you to present it in our behalf for a church, It is unfortunate that Mr. Moser is away at this time but would ask you to give me a report on the owners decision concerning the offer.

Sincerely yours,

JEJ:dj

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

Sent in by Dr. Jackman
on the field; signed in
his absence.

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July 3, 1956

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

I thought the problem regarding the church situation in the North End of Ketchikan was settled in view of the action taken by the Alaska Association at its Fairbanks meeting in February. Now however Vernon Middleton sends me a letter he just received from Fred McGinnis. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information. It looks as if we ought to docket this for further consideration at the next meeting of our committee.

Sincerely yours,

George

I. George Nace

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July 12, 1956

Dear Dr. Jackman,

Your check has just been forwarded to me from Ketchikan and know that you want it. Am also sending the forms that came with the check.

The school is very fine and I only hope that I'm able to take back what is being presented. Talking to some of the other men here makes you realize how far behind Alaska is on the problem of Alcohol.

Would appreciate a copy of anything you send to Ketchikan about our 30 day option. The more I think about the property the better I like it. Am praying that the money will come through.

My plans are to stay in the East for a few days after school is out (July 26th) and do some visiting. If you want to see me just let me know. Will probably stay in New York the night of the 26th as I want to meet the members of your staff. I ran into Don Lester in Seattle and will want to see him about our Preaching Mission. I seem to remember that you will be on vacation /h/ and don't want to break into that as I have nothing specific to bring up. But will be coming by and plenty of time to talk if you desire it.

My address here is: Rev. Paul Moser
Summer School of Alcohol Studies
Silliman College- Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

Hope that you had a good trip back to the states and aren't too worn out.

Sincerely,

Paul Moser

Paul Moser

Ketchikan Ch. file

July 17, 1956

The Rev. Paul Moser
Summer School of Alcohol Studies
Silliman College - Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of July 12th with the endorsed check for your scholarship transportation. I shall return it to my personal account from which the travel advance was made.

We are glad to know that you are getting great benefit from your work there and we trust that it will mean much toward an intelligent advance in our leadership on the question of alcohol in Alaska in the future.

On July 2 a letter went out to Mr. MacMillian stating that you had been in conference with him about the purchase of the property across the side street from the Wingren apartment building and that we are interested in this as the future site of the Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan. The letter stated that we have a combined appropriation of $32,000 and would ask that this be considered as an offer for the property for the church. We did not say it in the letter but if this is refused, we then would carry the refusal to the Board and ask for and additional appropriation. No word has been received from Mr. Mac Millian and we are writing him again about it. If this offer is received we have this much in hand and can make payment as the present owner would desire over a one, two or three year period.

I shall be in the office July 27th and the 30th and 31st. August is suppose to be vacation but I shall be around those first few days of the month and in the office on the 6th and 7th before leaving town. It would be a pleasure to see you and have a visit with you here. There will not be many staff people in but we can at least show you where and how we operate.

We had a letter from John Stewart asking if their church could participate in your support but Miss Gillespie informs us that your support is now slightly over subscribed. They might do something special toward furnishing the new church.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:dj
cc: The Rev. Brian Cleworth

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

P.S. Can you visit Grace Church, Montclair, New Jersey, July 29th? If so write Frank Hunger. He has not answered our invitation for October.

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ALASKA MISSION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Office of Superintendent ☆ 711 Ninth Avenue ☆ ☆

Anchorage, Alaska

July 18, 1956

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you very much for the letter-copy which you have shared addressed to Dr. George Nace of the National Council.. I believe the contents of your letter point up additional need for adequate clearances regarding comity within the Territory. I hope sincerely that this matter can be explored even further and until an adequate solution is found.

The following observations should be listed relative to the second paragraph of your letter:

1. You refer to the February meeting of the Protestant group in Alaska. Dates for this meeting were set, announced, and the meeting was held on a few day's notice. As no representative from our Methodist group could possibly be present, this information was relayed to Dr. Armstrong prior to the actual meeting in Fairbanks.

The actions of that committee meeting in Fairbanks were never shared, and until this hour no minutes have been provided for the Protestant groups in Alaska. While I have requested minutes from the Secretary more than once, they have not been provided.

2. You say in your letter to Dr. Nace: "This matter has been before the Alaska Committee" with approval by the Alaska Committee of the Division of Home Missions. According to the way the May 9, 1955 minutes read: "Dr. Jackman reported that the members of the Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan had voted to relocate at the north end of the city as there was no problem of comity involved. In the

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judgment of the members of the committee present the report was received. I am surprised, quite frankly, that you did lean so heavily on this considering that even this suggestion to receive the report came in a meeting when apparently only one other member of the committee was present other than yourself. The record indicates that out of a possible 23 members or more, only John B. Bently was present (other than Dr. Nace and a visitor) and that you were the presiding officer. The same minutes show that one of our main representatives on this committee, namely the Executive Secretary of our Section of Home Missions, was changing from Dr. Elliott Fisher to Dr. W. V. Middleton. This is indicated on the same page with your report on Ketchikan.

In the absence of any information from the Fairbanks meeting, which I have requested, and with the Alaska Committee only receiving the report, it may be a little easier to understand procedure in strengthening our work of long standing in the North End of Ketchikan.

3. You do NOT indicate, Dr. Jackman, in your letter to Dr. Nace, the tentative nature of the proposal made by our First Church board in Ketchikan relative to the possibility of re-thinking their position. This was certainly a tentative attitude and was so recorded in a letter which was addressed to Mr. Moser in Ketchikan growing out of our March 14, 1955 meeting. This involved a clear statement to your group that it would be subject to review, appraisal, and consideration by our presiding Bishop, Division of National Missions, and the Superintendent, and additional study by all involved included the Ketchikan group. That letter makes it very clear that it was a temporary decision and subject to change. While you had this information, you did not so refer this to Dr. Nace in your July 13 letter. You received this information on March 28, 1955 from Rev. Roland Armstrong in Alaska, included in his March 28, 1955 letter. So, I am sure that you and Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Moser should have been well aware of the tentative nature of the First Church Ketchikan position.

4. Apparently you believe that no comity is involved. This must be based on the fact that at one point in the past both denominations were approved for work in Ketchikan apparently. I am sure the impression was created in Ketchikan prior to the First Church vote in March 1955 that the Presbyterians were at liberty to locate in the North End

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even tho we had a church and a church school. This philosophy had been shared with our Methodist people and they were under that impression when they came to the meeting to vote. I am not at all sure that the June 6, 1947 minutes would bear out this position. Apparently those minutes refer to only the "color" principle as related to Indians and Whites and ministry thereto.

5. I do not know if you have received a copy of the thorough survey of the North End wherein it is clearly indicated there is a strong preferance for the Methodist Church in the North End. More than double the number of families preferred a Methodist Church to a Presbyterian Church according to that survey. I am sure Mr. Moser would have filed with your office a copy of this survey and that it would be a part of your record. If, by any chance, you do not have access to this, I would be glad to forward a copy for the record. I hope when this matter is discussed in the Alaska Committee that it may be possible for all the facts to be presented which may have bearing on the Alaska Committee's final recommendations in the matter.

In this particular instance, Dr. Jackman, I feel the Methodists have something of a priority in the North End of Ketchikan area based on:

1. 17 years of service in that area with a church school and from time to time a church program beyond church school.

2. The overwhelming expression of desire on the part of the people of the North End itself according to the survey mentioned for Methodist Church over a Presbyterian Church in the specific situation and area.

3. The comparison of all the Presbyterian allocations in Alaska as compared with our 14 pastoral charges, I think you would agree, is all out of proportion to our denomination's expected growth and development in Alaska.

I am convinced, along with you, as to the need for a clear understanding "as to the meaning of comity and cooperation on the field." The interdenominational statement "the Christian ministry in Alaska" should cover in principle the feeling of Protestant groups in Alaska. I corresponded with the Division of Home Missions Executive Secretary relative to the above situation under date of January 31, 1956.

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman, July 18, 1956

I am sure we all look forward to the time when we may have an operating group in Alaska for recommendations for allocations for all work. This apparently is of vital importance for two reasons: (1) to avoid overlap and competition, and (2) for the great savings to be realized by planning with engineering firms and developers of subdivisions. It is likely that thousands of dollars could be saved by having a committee on allocations who could carry out the will of the Alaska Committee and the local groups and work in relation to the churches in new housing developments and in cooperation with builders and developers. It may be that the next meeting of the Protestant group within Alaska could discuss this matter and make recommendations. It is possible that the group in February thought through this need and made provision for it, but, as indicated above, no minutes or other information have been forthcoming since the meeting.

You will recall the meeting in Anchorage, October 1955, set up a Comity Committee and apparently this committee met and made its report and this report was referred to national bodies for study and suggestions. To my knowledge, no action has been taken beyond that step, and possibly reactions from and suggestions by all our national bodies to that report of the committee would be helpful. As I see it, the apparent standing of this report is between step one and two on page one of the report.

With every good personal wish to you,

Sincerely yours,

Fred McGinnis

Fred McGinnis
Superintendent

Enclosed: Report of the Comity Committee

cc: Dr. R. Roland Armstrong
Dr. Vernon Middleton
Bishop William Gordon
Rev. Paul Moser
Bishop A. Raymond Grant

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Ketchikan Ch. file

July 18, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
Mr. MacMillian
c/o Tongass Realty Company
317 Dock Street
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. MacMillian:

On July 2nd, we wrote you expressing our definite interest in the property beside the Wingren apartment building for a future site for the Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan, and stated that we have a combined appropriation of $32,000 which could be used for the site which would include the house fronting on Tongass and the vacant lot behind it. We trust this amount will be acceptable to the owner and we would like to have a report from you as soon as convenient.

Sincerely yours,

JEJ:dj
cc: The Rev. Paul Moser

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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July 31, 1956.

Mr. J. Earl Jackman,
Secretary, Department of Work in Alaska,
Board of National Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 5th. Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are sorry the property in which you had expressed an interest, beside the Wingren Apartments, is no longer available. The price quoted was $37,000 and earnest money was to have been sent us in any case.

We tried to beat the price down, but the owner apparently had better offers, delaying answers and then refused to extend the option period. It is difficult to deal without earnest or option money and we are not in position to do this ourselves. We are, of course, sorry to lose the sale, and have delayed writing, hoping to reactivate interest. Reverend Moser has not yet returned to Ketchikan.

A site 100x100 in as favorable position, with ample parking space, may now be available. A company had first refusal on this property, very likely to pick it up, and the owner, for his own purposes preferred that. Rumor has it that they (the company) are no longer interested. We have been unable to get a firm price, but will continue to work on this and others, keeping you or Reverend Moser informed.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. MacMillan.

Re Ketchikan

August 7, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Fred McGinnis
711 Ninth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Fred:

We have received your letter of July 18 giving your comments on my letter to Dr. Nace about the situation in Ketchikan. It is unfortunate that you had not received the minutes of the meeting of the Alaska Association of Churches which took place in Fairbanks last February 28 and 29. It is regrettable that these minutes did not get out much earlier but they were in the possession of Dr. Nace prior to the meeting of the Alaska Committee on June 1.

The matter of our moving to a different location in Ketchikan from the south-end to the north-end has been in discussion for a period of about three years. It was discussed at the meeting of the Alaska Committee here during the time that Dr. Gould was the District Superintendent for Alaska. In our correspondence, we have a litter dated May 28, 1955 from Dr. Armstrong to you, in which he set forth the fact that we proposed to move into the north-end. This has been cleared and approved by the Alaska Committee here and by the meeting of the Alaska Association of Churches.

Not only do I beleive that there is no comity problem involved here, but that is the consensus of opinion in the Alaska Committee here and in the Alaska Association of Churches.

One could go into a discussion of the situation in Ketchikan to greater length but it would only stir up possible irritation, which we should seek to avoid. Your reference to the comparison of the number of churches and mission projects which you have in Alaska in relation to ours does not seem to have any point in this discussion locally in Ketchikan. The fact is that both of our churches have been there for a number of years. Under the circumstances of their establishment, they seem to be located in the places where, by agreement, they were situated to perform the most effective service. In the last few years there has come to be a great development of population and an entirely different situation than when they were established. It is our purpose to relocate our church where we willbe situated to render a broader and larger service on an interracial basis. No one in the meeting of the Alaska Committee or in the Alaska Association of Churches has objected to this, but both groups have approved it and recordedtheir approval. No objection had been presented to the Alaska Committee until your letter came.

In the development of our program in Alaska, we have tried to bring every question before the Alaska Committee where there might be an objection on having cleared there before we proceeded. In the case of new developments in the area allocated to us, we have brought the report to the Alaska Committee that a newproject has been developed so that there would be a record in the minutes of the Committee about it. We believe that others who are on a cooperative basis should do the same thing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

CC: Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong
The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth
Dr. Vernon Middleton
the Rev. Paul Moser

cc Ketchikan Ch Ch

August 8, 1956

Mr. J. R. MacMillan
317 Dock Street
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

Thank you for your letter of July 31st concerning a possible location for the Presbyterian Church in the northern end of Ketchikan. We did not understand that we were to send "earnest money" to back up our bid for the property across the side street from the Wingren Apartments. Funds ~~are~~ were available here and could have been sent. We understood that we had a voluntary option of 30 days which did not require the payment of any money and were anxious to get a bid into your hands for your consideration before the option period had expired.

We are glad to know that there is another site almost as favorable which may now be available. ~~From~~ 100x100 is hardly large enough for our purposes but certainly should be given consideration. It would be better for us to have a space 100x200 or by 300 but we recognize the scarcity of vacant land in that part of Ketchikan. Mr. Moser should be back in Ketchikan soon and we will ask him to follow this up closely with you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:km
cc; Rev. Paul Moser
Brian Slevcovich

AUG 31 1956

August 29, 1956

Dear Dr. Jackman,

Am finally getting settled down and thought that I ought to bring you up to date on Ketchikan.

We had a very fine vacation in Oregon spending some time on the beach and the rest with my folks. Also preached twice, showed slides to two groups and numerous friends.

The church here had a good summer with Dr. Starr & Bob Van Nest doing some good preaching during July & August. As usual, there were the faithful few who pitched in and did the work that needed to be done.

I spent most of yesterday's afternoon with Mr. McMillian going over the real estate situation. We have lost the lot under consideration but [illegible] full $37,000. After our option expired Wingren took the lots out of [illegible] that Wingren is building a large garage for his apts, which he needs quite badly, and is going to sell the front part to Union Oil Co.

When we don't consider the Caralana Lake Rd. area this seems to leave us with three possibilities. If you can follow the rather crude map you will probably remember the areas.

Area#1 is where the Nazarene church started their development and have recently build a new church up on 2nd street. Mr. McMillian is going to see the owner of Lots B&C while I approach the Nazarene Minister. We feel that this property will be our first choice for several reasons: The price should be lower and possibly within the amount we have, the house on lot B seems to be a good one, parking is fair, and is on N. Tongass.

Area#2 is better business property and will undoubtedly cost more than we have, there is more total room than Area#1 but the proposed street comes right through the front of the lot, and some other group has first chance on the lot if it goes on the market.

I have not shown the third area under consideration. It is four lots 200x70 located right next to the Assembly of God Church on 1st street. The lots would cost 23,000 but are directly in back of the Wingren Apts & are a poor third choice. We looked at these lots when you were here.

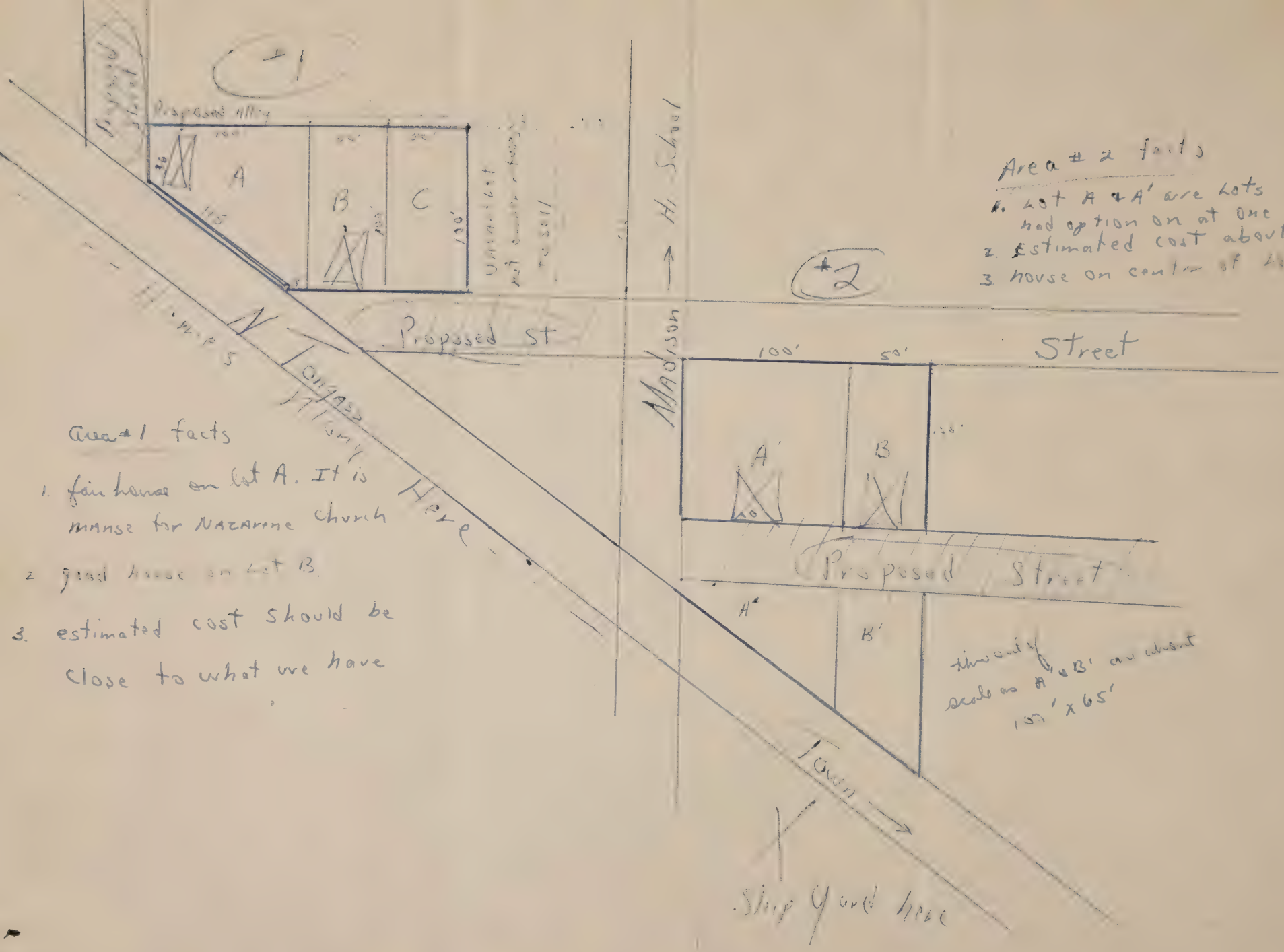
We will atempt to get an option with nothing down on area #1 until we hear from you. If we fail to get the option we will try to do the same with area #2. My own feeling is that we must get some land within the next 60 days. I need to get my family out into a home, the church needs the space, and property should soon rise in value as both area one and two will be by the new small boat harbor.

Would you again tell me how much a movie projector costs ? I hope the church will [illegible] of the 4th of July booth profits for [illegible]. We are also having about $200 work done on the furnace (boiler plugged, new bricks in fire box, new bearings in [illegible]) and wonder if this can come out of our 1956 repair money ?

Am also wondering about any money we might need for an option. You'll probably get a telegram if we need it before we hear from you.

Sincerely,

cc to Brian Cleworth



Area #1 facts

1. fair house on lot A. It is manse for NAZARene church
2. good house on Lot B.
3. estimated cost should be close to what we have

Area # 2 facts

1. Lot A + A' are Lots church had option on at one time
2. Estimated cost about 35,000
3. house on center of Lot A + B

this and B' are about same as B
100' x 65'

Ketchikan Ch...

September 27, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
The Rev. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We have received your letter and your wire concerning the location of a new site for the church. On paper, area number 1 looks best to me and seems to have enough space in it for us to use for church and manse purposes.

When your telegram came I discussed this with our attorney. He feelswe do not have enough definite information yet upon prices and costs to make any commitment. He also feels that we have no right to risk the loss of any of the Board's money if we put it down seeking an option and then have it taken away from us if the option is not granted. If we can get some assurance that the money would be returned to us if we are not allowed to purchase or do not purchase the property, then we could accompany our request for purchase with a check. You have indicated in your wire that you have authorized $100 to support our interest in the southern part of area number one. If necessary, we could dig up a couple hundred dollars from other sources than the appropriation which we have in order to show the owner that we have an actual interest in the purchase of the property. We hope that some favorable word can be given on this before too long. We would like to get the Moser family settled as well as to know where the church might be located for the future.

Tentatively, I am planning to come up with the group for the Preaching Mission and stop off at Ketchikan on the way North. We hope the property matter will be ready to be settled by that time. Best regards to all of you.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:dj
cc: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

Al
Fund Raising Campaign
in
Ketchikan Church

October 5, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
The Rev. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

I have received copies of the letters from John A. Reed and Richard McCarroll concerning your request to Richard Smith for information about fund raising in Ketchikan. I would conclude from the contents of the letter that Mr. Reed's department here has sent you their basic materials in guidance on conducting a campaign which certainly will be helpful to you. Fairbanks Church would like to have a campaign sometime during this winter and are thinking in terms of asking one of our campaign men to come up for that purpose. If he goes for Fairbanks, it seems to me he could well spend a few days going or coming to help you in Ketchikan. We have had no definite word on this but would forward it to you if we can get something.

The Board recently has called to the treasury department, Glen Carlson whose job it is going to be to gather together adequate records for all of our properties and to give us all some help in building plans for the present and future. Glen is an active Presbyterian from the middle West who has been an architect and builder. Miss Cladfelter has asked him to come up to Alaska in November, to look over the properties at Haines House and Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Everyone has agreed that while he is in Alaska he ought to give our department some help if we need him. At a recent conference I have asked him to stop off in Ketchikan on his way north so that he could give us some guidance on the location, contour of the land and some suggestions on the type of building which would go well with the community and the site. He expects to start for Alaska at the end of the first week in November. I will have seen you before that time but wanted you to have this information in advance.

My wife reminds me that the totem poles from the Mathers have not yet arrived. She may have written you a note just recently asking if you would check up on them.

I hope to spend October 19th and 20th with you to see what we can do further about a definite site for the new church.

Best regards to all of you.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:dj
cc: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

November 28, 1956

The Rev. Alfred H. Davies
55 Magnolia Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Al:

During the year, and particularly during the summer and fall, we have been working on the matter of a new location for the church in Ketchikan. We have found a place near the Wingren Apartments which consisted of two lots with a four bedroom house on the front one facing North Tongass Street. There was enough land space available there for us to use the house for a manse and build the first unit on the back of the lot. Later, we would have had to remove the house in order to put the sanctuary out in the front. The owner of these two lots was asking $40,000 but the real estate man said he felt it could be purchased for $32,000. We have an appropriation from the Board for $15,000 for a manse, $15,000 for the site for a new church and $2,000 from your church. We offered the $32,000 but the owner would not accept this offer. Plans are now being made for the use of the location for something else.

During the summer, we made a pretty thorough study of the north end and discovered that the minimum amount of land, which we would need for manse and church site or just church site, would require the purchase of property which was involved with at least two owners. Paul Moser had worked up a favorable combination between two owners, but when I went to see him in relation to the preaching mission in October, one of the owners had declined to sell. We are now working on another combination which involves two owners. The owner of a piece of property which has 109 foot frontage with a four bedroom house, is willing to sell for what the real estate dealer considers a reasonable price but we have not been able to contact the owner of a 50 foot lot next to this property which we will need for a total clearance. We understood the owner of this vacant lot was holding it for speculative purposes. The real estate man is very slow and Paul is doing his best to push the deal. Meanwhile, it may break any moment or any day or it may be several weeks yet before we can get action.

Since we are coming to the end of the church year, we would suggest that you send the $2,000 to me for deposit in the Treasury Department toward the purchase of the manse for the Ketchikan Church. Ask that the check be made payable to the Board of National Missions and send it to me so that we can designate it and hold it in the Treasury Department for this purpose.

Our Preaching Mission last month was a great success. Weather was good during the week but broke at the end of the week and some of the men did not get to see all of the mission work between Ketchikan and Fairbanks. However, all but one of the men felt they had had one of the greatest experiences in their ministry. We assigned Don Christiansen to Ketchikan. Don had served that church fifteen or twenty years ago so that he and the people had some former relationships together, which were helpful. As a result of what you had done last year, it was a little easier to get some of the people themselves to go out calling and increase the attendance at the services.

Best regards to you. We will be looking forward to the receipt of the check to help us with the manse.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:EAL

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Feb. 12, 1957
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Dr. Jackman,

The check for the earnest money arrived yesterday and we are under way in signing the contracts. Our lawer has suggested that the Trustees meet and give the responsibility of the purchase to certain people and that will be done tonight. We had the trustees approve the purchase and hope that the meeting can be held and the contracts signed by Thursday mornings plane.

We are really quite pleased about the house not only from the standpoint of having a home but the quality of the house itself. It isn't perfect but by far the best we've seen in the past year of looking. As I mentioned before it was built by a contractor for himself and then he sold it when he got married and moved to the States. It is very attractive from the outside and the inside is finished very well. On one side of the house is the front room & kitchen while the other side has two bed rooms and a bath. The attic is unfinished but has 6'2" head room in the middle and could be finished into a children's room with bunks. The basement contains a nice store room for fruit, a wash room with connections for washer & dryer, and an apt with front room, bed room, kitchen, and bathroom with shower. Beside the house is a large garage and there is a nice lawn in front and room for a yard in back. The basement is on the ground level with an outside entrance to the front room of the apt. Then there is another enterance through the garage to the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ wash room.

The furnishings will include: front room rug, two couches, nice stove and refregerator, wrought iron ~~kkk~~ dinette set, one or two large beds, and two small beds. I haven't seen the final inventory list but there are other small items. He has also offered to take our washer and dryer and leave his installed if we desire to trade.

The front room of the house is large enough for meetings and small groups could meet in what will be the study. The city appraisal on the lot and house is $16,460, and I think it is a little low. We are not going ~~xxxxxx~~ through the real estate agent and if that helps the price. Out of the last 10 sales in town all but one were sold over the appraised value & most of them going for 10% above appraised value.

All in all I think it is a very good deal. The only disadvantage at all is the fact that it is on cement posts and the view is ~~xxxxxxx~~ partially blocked by the Wingren Apts. (the big pink building). The posts are treated and you can see around the apt. building as the house is three blocks up the hill. The high-school is only four blocks away and the grade school six blocks the other direction. And the new church should be easily within walking distance.

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There doesn't seem to be much doing on the land for the new church. McMillian has had refusals to sell from the owners of the white house & lot, and the used-car lot. The woman with the white house would sell a 50x100 section of her land but we can't locate the owner of the 50x100 right next to it. We are now looking into another house-lot combination down the street and hope that it will be for sale. Have rechecked on the lots hidden behind Wingren's Apts. and now find that they 100X140 and would cost $25,000. Also found out that instead of being four lots in front it is two lots on the street and the two lots right behind them. The trustees don't seem to mind the location or being buried but the price is way out of line.

The only new development is a nibble from the Assembly of God minister. He has ideas of building a new church and wondered if we would be interested. His church is also behind Wingren's Apts. but they are going to pave the street beside the church and it would be one block off of Tongass but no hill to climb. Told him that we were interested and also found out that the lot next to the church is privately owned. He quoted a price of $40,000 for the building which doesn't seem to be too badly out of line. I think this whole thing is his private idea but we should look into it and call his bluff if we like the spot.

Our only other concern at the moment is the car. The rods went out the other day and the estimate on repairs was $220. I checked the local used car market and no station waggons were within reason. I didn't feel that our pocket book could stand a new car so I'm ordering a short block for the car. It will be a rebuilt moter and should give good service. The cost of the whole thing should be under $300 and I'm hoping the Board will stand either one-half or two-thirds of the repair bill.

Otherwise things are fine. We had some good officers elected and they are going right to work. They lack in knowing what to do but realize their responsibility. We had a good discussion at the annual meeting as what an elder should be and again the newer members were elected. The Session even took a few dead-heads off of the roll and would have taken more but they hadn't been called upon. It seems that just now we are getting an interested core of members and the big job ahead is to get them to take responsibility.

Will hope that the rest of the money and papers come next week as our (?) new home is vacant and waiting. I guess all the paper work is necessary but I keep asking myself the question of what might happen if some one else comes along with more money. The man who owns this house is a good friend and I think he will hold it for us but it doesn't seem too business like to ask him to drop his price $1000 (which he did), ask for an option with no money down, and then ask him to sign a contract that stipulates the return of the option money if the contract isn't approved. As I said, I know this is probably necessary in our case but it would be nice to have a little earnest money in the bank to plunk down on a hot deal for land. Land owners seem to be a bit jumpy and it would be very easy for a deal to fall through while awaiting papers from New York, and I would sure hate to loose a good spot for the new church on that account.

Will drop you a card when the deal is closed and the next time Brian is down we can look at the Assembly of God building.

Sincerely,

Paul

cc: Brian Cleworth

As an indication of your willingness to abide by these instructions, kindly sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter, using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

It is hereby agreed to abide by
the foregoing instruction:

_____

Date: _____

LHT/MT

3/7/57 Mr. Stibus phoned: Ketchikan Manse has been purchased. He is preparing bill of sale for furniture, etc

Copy for Dr. Jackman

$17,000 furnished.
$15,000 from priority fund,
2,000 from Tenafly, N.J. Church

February 18, 1957

Victor P. Guns, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1794,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Re: Purchase of Donald J. McDonald and Mary H. McDonald tract in Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Guns:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 11, 1957 regarding the above.

I now enclose the Board's check No. A 46561 in the amount of $15,000.00 made payable to the order of the First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan, Alaska. You already have a check for $1000.00 which you are holding in escrow as per our letter of escrow instructions dated Feb. 8, 1957.

I also enclose contract, in duplicate, dated February 18, 1957, which has been executed by D. Allan Locke, Treasurer of the Board of National Missions and which now must be executed by the Sellers. Please return the original signed contract to my office to my attention, keeping the copy for your files. The contract when sent to us, did not describe the Sellers as husband and wife, so that I have added the words "his wife" underneath the space where Mary H. McDonald is to sign. Also the contract contains no time limit so I have added paragraph which I have called "ha" which provides that deed is to be delivered in your office on or before April 1, 1957.

In the event this transaction does not close on or before April 1, 1957, you are instructed to return the entire purchase price to this office to my attention.

I also enclose a listing sheet which should be completed in accordance with the mimeographed letter attached, and returned to this office so we may properly set up our property files.

Please record the deed and see that the Sellers have placed revenue stamps thereon, and return the recorded deed to me at this office.

In view of the fact that the Board of National Missions self-insures against loss by fire, there is no need to prorate the fire insurance. The Sellers may cancel same, effective as of the date of closing.

Please include in your final report the appraised value of the real and personal property, separating the value of the improvement from the value of the land.

Dr. Jackman

MAR 11 1957

March 7, 1957

RE: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA
(Purchase of Manse Property from
Donald J. McDonald, et al)
Warranty Deed dated February 28,
1957

Victor P. Guns, Esq. - Attorney
P.O.Box 1794
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Guns:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of March 5, 1957 together with the documents enclosed in connection with the above purchase. Will you kindly advise me what you will charge to take the necessary steps to remove this manse property from the tax rolls?

Thank you very much for a job well done!

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

LHT:D
cc: Mr. Glen V. Carson
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

MAR 11 1957

COPY

VICTOR P. GUNS
Counselor & Attorney
P. O. Box 1794
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Lucien H. Tribus, Legal Counsel

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian
Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the following documents relative to the purchase of a manse in Ketchikan Alaska for your organization.

(1) Warranty Deed from McDonald to the Board of National Missions.
(2) Previous deeds in chain of title. (2)
(3) Bill of Sale of Personal Property.
(4) Preliminary report and statement marked paid by Title Insurance Company.
(5) Title Insurance policy.
(6) Appraised valuation of real and personal property.
(7) Form giving information on construction and condition.
(8) Letter from First National Bank on release of mortgage.
(9) Receipt from City of Ketchikan for pro-rate payment of 1957 taxes.
(10) Receipt from U.S.Commissioner for recording fee.
(11) Statement marked paid for attorneys fee.

The deed has been recorded as No.569 in Volume 3 of Deeds at page 542, on the 28th day of February 1957.

This I believe completes the transaction. I would appreciate it if you would acknowledge receipt of these papers.

Very truly yours,

s/ VICTOR P. GUNS.

encls: as above.

We Ketchikan Church made $4c.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

April 10, 1957

The Rev. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We have been thinking of you and Jane a great deal lately, and are hoping that Jane is making a full recovery and that all of the family are well.

Also, we have been thinking more about the prospective land purchase which we discussed at the meeting of the Presbytery. We trust that it will be possible to get something settled on this in the near future, but would ask that you take the precaution of sharing the prospective purchase with others, possibly the officers of your church, Brian Clewerth, and/or someone who is a reliable construction man, because we will want to know what is going to be necessary to construct a building on the site. If possible, it might be well to have some indication of the composition of the soil to determine what kind of a foundation would have to be put in for an all-purpose unit. You have been patient and persistent about trying to find a suitable location, and it has been a long, weary process. We want to continue to be alert so that we do not purchase any location which will be impractical or extremely costly in the basic construction.

We would be glad to have whatever information you can discover about the decision for the Methodists which has come as a result of the survey of Elliott Fisher. I would hope that we can move and get established before they consider moving into the North End, because they will have far more resources for construction than we will have.

Best regards to all of the family and your officers.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman
(Dictated by Dr. Jackman
and signed in his absence)

JEJ:lt
cc.: The Rev. Brian Clewerth

May 1, 1957

The Rev. Paul Moser
Box A6
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

At the meeting of the Board last week, they approved the two options for the two sites for the location of the church, and we are now asking our Legal office to go forward with them. The Board also approved an additional appropriation of $600 to cover the cost, with the understanding that the local church would pay for the attorney's fees. If these costs cannot be taken out of the current expenses, it would seem a legitimate charge against the Building Funds which you are gathering.

We have received your letter about the consideration of an architect for the new plans. We would conclude from your statement that the experience and moral stature of the local architect do not seem to go along with the idea of building a church. It seems by way of the better choice among those available, you have turned to Lynn Forrest. You should know, before you make this decision, that the Sitka Church has had considerable difficulty with Lynn Forrest about their plans. They discovered that he had sent the trusses for the ceiling over the windows, and other mistakes of this type which caused them a lot of trouble. All of our contacts with him a few years ago when he drew the preliminary sketches for the Lake Lake Chapel were good, but the Sitka experience has been bad. This may be the exception, but you should know about it before you make your final choice.

One of the next first steps is to choose an architect and then have drawings made which will conform to the setting of the site and the space which is necessary for the first unit of the building. When plans have been completed, they should be referred here to Glen Larson for approval before any funds can be released. Glen Glen's experience in architecture and construction enable him to pick up things that most of us would miss entirely, so that he has been very helpful in reviewing these plans. He and I have agreed that I should continue to carry the correspondence until the plans are in shape, and then he would deal with you and the architect regarding the approval of contracts and the payment of bills.

It is a joy to know that something is actually going to be done about the new church in Ketchikan. This question has been kicking around now for about four years. If we keep after these things long enough we get something done.

Regards to all the family.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:lt
Cc: The Rev. Brian Clemorth

P.S.

Congratulations upon your election to the Chairmanship of the National Missions Committee. This will give us a closer working relationship in all of the work of the Presbytery. We try to see that a copy of every letter concerning the total work in Alaska goes to Brian Clemorth and a copy of every letter concerning personnel, placement and basic program of National Missions in Alaska Presbytery to the Chairman. The arrangement for the work of the boat provides that advance program should be agreed upon by the Assistant Secretary, the Chairman of the National Missions Committee, the skipper of the boat and anyone else directly concerned with the program, and then carried out by those on the ship under the direction of the Assistant Secretary. Your location in Ketchikan may make conferences less frequent, but you, as Chairman of the Committee, should be brought in on the long-range plans.

Mr. Lucien Tribus
Dr. J. Earl Jackman May 1, 1957

The Board, at its meeting on April 26th, approved the options for the purchase of the two sites in Ketchikan for the new church there. They also approved the additional appropriation of $600 from Priority Funds for the purchase. It would now seem that the way is clear for you to proceed with the attorney in Ketchikan to close the deal and secure a deed to the property. It is our understanding that the local church will pay the costs for attorney fees as recommended to the Board.

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:lt

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Mr. Lucien H. Tribus

FROM Dr. J. Earl Jackman

DATE June 14, 1957

RE: Purchase of Property in Ketchikan

Thank you for sharing with me the attached correspondence from Mr. Victor P. Guns concerning the purchase of the two sites in Ketchikan for the new location for the church. We are glad to know that this matter is being consummated and the Board in possession of the property. On the matter of the advance of the $500 for earnest money, the owners of the two properties hesitated to enter into an agreement and to sign papers for the options on the properties unless some money was put into their hands to indicate our intention of buying. We knew this had to be approved by the Board, but we knew also that the time involved might prevent us from securing the property. (Once before we lost out on the purchase of a property in Ketchikan because we did not have earnest money on hand to show our serious intent.) The Rev. Paul Moser, our missionary-pastor in Ketchikan, was unduly concerned about this, so I took $500 from non-budget gift funds and provided a check for him to be able to advance this to the property owners until the Board would have an opportunity to act upon it. Since you also have made an advance of $500 which is now being held in the hand of Mr.Guns, it would be my suggestion that Mr. Guns endorse this check to me and return it. I shall put it back in the gift fund from which I originally took the money to be able to hold this transaction until the Board acted upon it.

JEJ:lt

Enc:Guns-Tribus correspondence
and enclosed Option.

J. Earl Jackman

May 13, 1957

The Rev. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Mr. Tritus has sent me a copy of the letter which he has sent to your attorney giving direction on the purchase of the two lots in the north end for the new church site. The negotiations for these will be between Mr. Tritus here and your attorney there. I am writing this note to remind all of us that the $500 check which I gave you as earnest money should be reserved in the cash transaction there and returned by you to me to go back into the special fund from which I took it.

In one of your letters you indicated that it would be very helpful to you if you had a student or a couple to be a part of your program for the summer. It now appears that we may have more help than we need on the two boats, and I am wondering if it would be well to suggest to Brian that arrangements be made for one of the couples to be on your field with you the latter part of July and the month of August. Bill Keiger will be coming up about the middle of July for service on the Princess Kay, and I believe it would be better for him to get his start with Dick Baleen. This could mean that the couple re heard up until that time might be asked to come down to Ketchikan.

Regards to all the family.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jacksonn

JEJ:lt
CC.:The Rev. Brian Clewerth

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N.Y. ALGONQUIN 5-5000

July 24, 1957

The Rev. and Mrs. William Zeiger
The Presbyterian Church
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Bill and Gertrude:

We are sorry there has been so much confusion about your assignment in Alaska. I was away the time the question came up and have followed the changes by correspondence from a distance. We had hoped that you would be able to be on board the GJS II with Dick Watson in order to have the advantage as early as possible of association with Dick in this ministry. However, Dick and Brian Clayworth sent word that there were not living accomodations on the boat to take care of the two families, so that it did not seem possible to have you on board during that period. We knew that Paul Moser needed some extra help during the summer and thoroughly approved of Brian Clayworth's arrangement to ask you to serve in Ketchikan until more general arrangements would be worked out during the month of August. We are certain that you will find plenty to do and this will give you a great opportunity of being associated with one of the churches where native people are concerned as a background to your later work on board the boat. These necessary adjustments seem to come in our work in Alaska and we are glad to have young people who can meet them with whatever arrangements are necessary.

I shall be visiting with you at the conference in Sitka and we can talk over your future location and service.

Best regards to all of you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman
(Dictated by Dr. Jackman and signed in his absence)

JEJ:lt
Cc: The Rev. Brian Clayworth

Ketchikan

September 11, 1957

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul and Jane:

It was a fine experience to be with you at your home and church a few hours and talk about recent developments. We trust that the officers of the church will plan to get something done to go forward. Glen Carson has returned with a report on the property and some of the implications about off-street parking requirements in connection with the street next to the property which may never be opened.

In the course of our discussion about the development of the new building in Ketchikan it was pointed out that this will be a project which the Board of National Missions owns and for which it is providing most of the money. This means, basically, that Glen Carson will be the one who will have final control over recommendations on the employment of an architect, the acceptance of bids for construction, and the release of funds to pay the bills. Glen felt that this ought to be known specifically, before we start with the architect, so that there would be no misunderstandings en route. When you are ready to choose your architect, your recommendation ought to be sent to Glen with a copy to me for reference so that I can follow the developments. Let it be understood by everyone there that this requirement is not intended to restrict the initiative or activity of the local people. It is simply an element of control which is required in our administration of Board funds. This first unit is to be built for the people in Ketchikan and you and your people ought to be free to make all suggestions, carry as much of the load of the development as is humanly possible, and get the job done. Our part in it would be to give guidance and help to the local group to avoid mistakes and get the most and best for the money invested.

While I am writing, I want to say a special word of thanks to you, Jane, for your part in the celebration in my honor at the conference. This was a complete surprise, and so to appreciate your art work on the scroll which was presented to me. You were very cute in preventing the lady who got the conductor of the seminar out of bed early in the morning to first her last articles.

Best regards to both of you. We are glad to have you in our work. Will you say, "Thank you," to Paul's father and mother for their job in baby-sitting while you two could come to the conference with much more freedom to enjoy it.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:k
cc: The Rev. Brian Haworth

JUL 2 1956

910 Alpha Street
Inglewood 3, Calif.
June 28, 1956

Dear Dr. Jackman,

Here is the letter I promised you the other day in Ketchikan. Hope this covers all that we mentioned in our conversation.

Would appreciate having my July check sent to me at Yale rather than sending it to Ketchikan. My address will be:

Rev. Paul F. Moser
Summer School of Alcohol Studies
Silliman College--Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

Am wondering if your Secretary would call Miss Jane Gillespie's office and have them notify our supporting churches that I will be in the East and would like to visit them. Am hoping to spend July 27th-Aug 2nd visiting friends and supporting churches. Have written to Al Davies telling him that I'm coming and would also like to visit the supporting churches.

As to the new church we took an option on the property you liked beside the Wingren Apts. The option is for 30 days (starting June 23rd) and no money is involved. The officers of the church met after church last Sunday and all were in favor of the location. The understanding we have is that you will contact the real estate people and let them know if we want the lot or not. If we do want it then some money will have to be put down on an option. I told the officers that their action wasn't binding the congregation but merely an assurance to the Board that we favored the property before any money was put down.

Ray Demmert & I looked the house over and it is adequate for a manse. It has three bed-rooms, front room is about 12x22 with no dinning room but an L going off of the room that could be used for that purpose. The house is all on one floor & has a basement with 5'10" head room and plank floor. The house seems to be in good shape in regards to wiring, roof, plumbing. It is supporting by posts on cement blocks. It needs touching up with paint. Has large fenced front yard and fair garage beside the house. It seems to be the kind of a house that we could live in for several years and not too much of a loss if torn down. The bed rooms have little or no closet space but two of the bed-rooms are about 12x12.

The man to contact is : Mr. MacMillian
% Tongass Realty Co.
317 Dock St.
Ketchikan, Alaska

I told him that you would write before July 23rd and let him know one way or the other. He thought that the 30 day option might be extended for a few days, that we might start out by offering $36,000 (they are asking $37,000) and that payment might be spred over three years instead of two. My only fear is that the church will get caught without a manse when the 2nd unit is going to built, but I'm in favor of putting all our money in this property as it is the best we'll ever get.

Am writing from the Inglewood Church and had a nice talk with John Stewart. Jane has spoken to their women's group and they seem quite interested in giving us some help.

Will hope to see you in the East after the 26th of July.

Sincerely, Paul Moser

P.S. Saw Don Lester at Seattle airport.

Mr. John N. Penn, Jr.
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

May 2, 1956

You probably have received the information that the Board took actions at its last meeting which made funds available from the Priority Capital Funds for National Missions Buildings for a manse site and first unit for the Ketchikan Church. This relocation of the church building will take place under property title with the Board of National Missions and I suppose we ought to indicate to you that the $18,000 conditional appropriation for Ketchikan from the campaign funds which was voted July, 1952, should be canceled. I am personally disappointed that the use of campaign funds for any sizeable project in Alaska was strung out so long and finally blocked because of a technicality.

Also we should report to you that the Board made an appropriation of $35,000 toward the construction of a Christian Education and Fellowship Hall unit for the Hillcrest Church in Anchorage. This appropriation has come from restoration funds which were left over to be used in defense communities. From the Priority Capital Funds for National Missions Buildings an appropriation was made for $15,000 for a manse for the Hillcrest Church. Several years ago there was a conditional appropriation of $5,000 grant and $5,000 loan from Campaign Building Funds made for Hillcrest. Again this has strung out so long and has been blocked because of the same technicality. However, you do have money in the Building Funds Campaign treasury which has been given by some of the churches in Yukon Presbytery designated particularly for Hillcrest. First Church, Anchorage ~~I-II~~ declined to pay their campaign pledge and used this money directly for Hillcrest on the field but I objected to this and persuaded them to send it on to the Board to be designated for Hillcrest. It has been received for that purpose and we now must work out some plan of using it in accordance with the conditions for which it was given. Under the present development plans Hillcrest property is owned by the Board of National Missions. Do you have any suggestion?

JEJ:dj

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

Re Massey Estate.

Moser

November 6, 1958

The Rev. Paul Moser
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Many thanks to you and Jane for your gracious hospitality and service during my recent visit. You may have heard that we got to Annette all right, but sat there in the P.M.A. plane all night before we finally got away to Seattle. I was late for all of my appointments in the Seminary, but did manage to get all of them in before leaving that area.

I have consulted with our Mr. Gripp who is in charge of the settlement of estates, and he assures me that this money from the Massey Estate must be used for the erection of the church which shall be known as the Craig-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gripp interprets this to mean that the church building needs to be called Craig-Temple Memorial, but the church organization does not necessarily need to have that name. Mr. Gripp will give me this interpretation in writing so that we can put it in the permanent file of the new church building. When the building has been finished, we can put a plaque on the rear wall of the Sanctuary stating that this is the Craig-Temple Memorial building, and that the money has been given by Mrs. Massy in honor of her parents. This will overcome the possible confusion which the Session members presented.

Regards to all the family. We hope th t Mayreld Swanson recovered from her "bug".

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW
CC : The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth, Juneau, Alaska

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November 13, 1958

Dr. Clarence E. Polhemus
1104 17th Avenue N.
Seattle 2, Washington

Dear Polly:

Our church in Ketchikan, Alaska is moving its location and we need an architect to draw plans for the new building. For the past year they have been working on Lynn Forrest of Juneau to give them this service, but they have waited in vain. They now feel that if they are to get anything done next spring and summer they must get a different architect. They have asked us to try and find an architect in Seattle whom you may have used in connection with some of the new church building and who is faithful and reliable. I had understood that you had an architect on your church extension committee in the Presbytery of Seattle, but you may be using some other one in church building.

I called the office on this coming south from Alaska, but you had already departed for the evangelism conference in Berkeley, and we missed the opportunity for a conference about some of these things there.

We recognize that any architect from Seattle would have to fly up to Ketchikan for a brief preliminary visit to examine the location and sit down with the people in an effort to determine the extent of their needs and the type of building which is best suited to the location.

We would appreciate information on this as soon as possible. We are sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Rasco and Dr. McCleave for their attention and help. The selection of the architect and the approval of the plans will receive final clearance from Glenn Carson, and we want to get it started as soon as possible.

Thank each one of you for your help on this.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ/fb

cc: Dr. N. Wilson Rasco
Dr. Geo. McCleave

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

NOV 29 1955

TO Dr. Jackman
FROM John N. Penn, Jr.
RE:

DATE Nov. 28, 1955

Thanks for your kind words on the information we are able to give you from time to time.

As you know, we have two separate appropriations on our books for Ketchikan; an $18,000 Campaign Funds appropriation voted July, 1952 which was held in suspense pending approval of $35,000 in Campaign Funds presented as a request to the Committee-Cabinet on NCD and BA November, 1954. The latter was deferred, as you know from our letter of December 1, 1954, primarily because of lack of unrestricted Campaign Funds.

Would you let us know the title status of the Ketchikan project? Has it ever received aid from the Board other than from New Church Development and Building Aid?

Ketchikan
2402 Second Avenue

December 23, 1958

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue
Alaska's flag. May it mean to you-
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nea rby;
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams;
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The "Bear"—the "Dipper"—and, shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light.
Over land a nd sea a beacon bright.
Alaska's flag—to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier

This Christmas 1958 we find ourselves exceptionally star minded. We think back to that great star so long ago that heralded the coming of the one whose birthday we celebrate this holiday season, and we look ahead as loyal Alaskans to the "new" star with great satisfaction. The "new" star? For the flag of course. There are very few here in the Territory who are not elated over the fact that at last our own Alayeksa* has been granted statehood, and it is surprising how difficult it is to rid one's vocabulary of the word, "Territory."

The Mosers have a "new" too. Now, calm yourselves we're not that prolific! Our "new" this year is a new term of service in Ketchikan. We finished our first four years here under the Board of National Missions, and although we bypassed our furlough we did take a two month jaunt stateside, and now we're back working and refreshed. While we were south we picked up a new Chev. station wagon. I use the word "picked up" rather casually; "sweated out" would be nearer the truth. That blue ma ss of machinery is the reason that we did not have a chance to stop and see many of you on our trip. I came down in mid-June with Stephie and Jamie and parked them with an unsuspecting but confident Grandma and Grand pa. I then heighed myself off to Purdue and the United Presbyterian Women's Quadrennial. It was wonderful! and I returned to Oregon just as Paul came down from Ketchikan. Then we confidently awaited the arrival of our car and a leisurely visit-packed drive down to Los Angeles where Paul was enrolled for a two week counseling school at Dr. Popenoe's American Institute of Family Relations. We waited, then we waited not quite so confidently, then we tore our hair a nd chewed our fingerna ils. In true soap opera fashion the car arrived at the last possible moment on which we could leave and still make it to Southern California in time for school.

The drive down wa s a mad dash fraught with hurling toys, mad wrestling matches and one bad moment on Highway 101 when Mama used physical force to keep the toy box from being popped over Papa's head while vainly wishing for something on a station wagon akin to instrument flying. We arrived in one piece (figuratively speaking) on Sunday p.m. in time for Paul to start school early Monday morning.

The Counseling School was certainly time well spent. Since summer school at Yale two years ago Paul has been counseling many of our people who seem to be having problems with alcohol. Increasingly many of our alcohol difficulties appear to be symptoms of unhappy marriages rather than the causative disease. This summer has

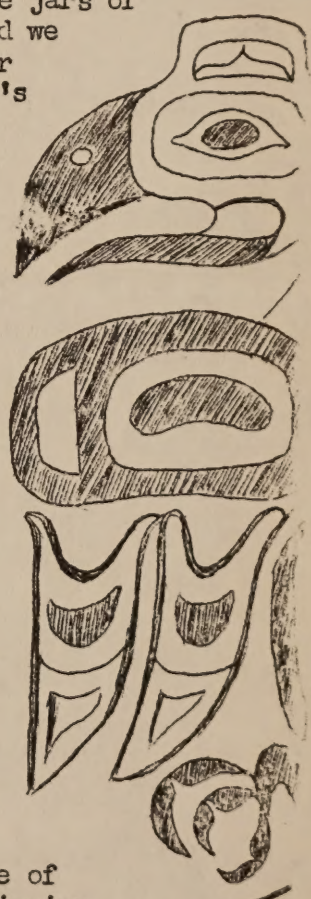
*Aleute for Alaska

helped Paul gain more knowldge in this difficult field of helping others reorganize their twisted lives.

Speaking of reorganization, this October saw a lot of it going on in our Christian Ed. department. Mayreld Swanson, Christian Ed. director, for our Alaska Presbytery came to Ketchikan for six weeks under the Presbytery's new loan plan and helped us revamp our Church School and Nursery setup, and also helped us organize a Jr. Hi. Westminster Fellowship.

For the past few months we have had a Thermometer hanging in the foyer at the church to keep track of our Building Fund, and we were all overjoyed last week to see it finally spurt over the top—yes, we've raised our $5,000 at long last, and that means that we should actually begin building this spring. We were also fortunate enough to receive a bequest left for a sanctuary in Alaska that could be designated as a memorial. All this, plus the money set aside for Ketchikan in 1956 from the Board means that we really will be in the new church business. soon.

We've been so very busy these last few months, but we've still had time to enjoy some of the wonderful things that Alaska offers her settlers. Last winter was exceptionally mild, and this spring the berries were abundant so we have jars of red huckleberry jam. At low tide Paul scoots out to dig clams, and we clean them and freeze them until we feel in the mood for chowder or fritters. I guess another result of the mild winter was this fall's good hunting season. Paul got his first deer, a fine four point and one of the 6,300 deer killed in this area. And now we have a locker filled with venison. One of our deacons came over to help us butcher the animal, and I look back in horror at what seemed like endless hours pumping away at the meat grinder handle to reduce the scraps to hamburger. Now that the toil is over we revel in the results of our labor. Stephie's favorite game for awhile was "Deer & Goat" in which he pretended to cut up his jumpy horse into locker sized pieces. Another of our deacons has an interest in a crab trap, and knowing that we had an interest in crabs (gustatory that is) he has occassionally stopped by to drop off a bag full.



Both boys are growing like weeds. Stephen will be four in May, and is a fine little boy. Paul and I often have to work at not succumbing to gales of laughter when he prays at the table, "Thank you God that we're all a family. We're 'Preskaterians' and I lost my shoes and then I found them, and all this nice food. Amen." Jamie will be two in March and is a real little tuffy. I'm sorry that we ever taugh him that the doggies say "woof." I'm sure it's retarded his speaking progress, for when he's at a verbal impasse he grins and says, "doggie woof woof" and that ends the conversation with finality.

This new year will present new challenges and experiences; one of which will be the chance to replace the missionary pastor on the mission boat Anna Jackman for a week. We'll go to lumber camps a nd fishing villages calling and holding services. With statehood Alaska will boom, and surely the Presbyterian Church will expand with the state, but still for a while our tasks here seem to be strengthening the established churches and continuing the contact with those in unchurched areas via themission boats.

We think now of Luther's hymn, "Ah dearest Jesus, holy Child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee." And we can wish you nothing better for 1959 than that He should dwell in the quiet chamber of your heart all year through.

MERRY CHRISTMAS *The Mozers*